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Berrien County Health Department, Sheriff's office partnering to educate community about changes to child passenger safety laws

The Berrien County Health Department and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office are partnering to educate community members about changes to Michigan's child passenger safety laws and to make sure residents are ready when these new rules go into effect April 2.

According to Michigan State Police, vehicle crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for young children. Parents and caregivers can reduce children's risk of death in a crash by 50% by making sure they are properly restrained in the appropriate car seat, booster seat or seat belt for their age and size, MSP says.

"The Berrien County Health Department and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office are working closely to make sure parents and caregivers are aware of these changes to the state's child passenger safety laws and are ready for them come April 2," said Miranda Bronicki Dopp, BCHD's family programs manager.

"Making sure children are properly restrained when traveling by car is a top priority at the Health Department." Under the updated laws, children must be secured in a car seat that is appropriate for their weight and height as indicated by the car seat's manufacturer. Here are the new rules for various ages:

- Infant to 2 years old: The child must be in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the maximum weight or height allowed by the car seat's manufacturer or the child is 2 years old.
- 2 to 5 years old: The child can be in a forward-facing five-point harness car seat until they reach the maximum weight or height allowed by the car seat's manufacturer or the child is 5 years old.
- 5 to 8 years old: The child can be in a belt-positioning booster seat using a lap and shoulder belt until they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall or 8 years old.
- Younger than 13 years old: All children younger than 13 must ride in the rear seat of a vehicle if one is available.

Sheriff Chuck Heit urges parents and caregivers to follow best practices for child passenger safety, including keeping children rear-facing for as long as possible and ensuring booster seats provide proper seatbelt positioning.

"Following these guidelines can significantly improve a child's safety in the event of a crash," Sheriff Heit said.

"We encourage all families to stay informed and ensure their children are properly restrained under the new law."

BCHD partners with the Office of Highway Safety Planning to provide free car seat inspections and help parents and caregivers install them properly.

Additionally, BCHD provides free car seats to eligible households to ensure all children have safe transportation.

For more information about these services, visit BCHD's website. To learn more about changes to the state's child passenger safety laws, visit MSP's website.

— STAFF REPORTS

Ken Anderson, Kate Weber, and Al Weber

ANDERSON RECEIVES PLAQUE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO A PIECE OF IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT

Water Superintendent Ken Anderson received recognition at the New Buffalo City Council meeting Monday, March 17, for his contribution to a piece of important equipment.

Al Weber and Kate Weber of Ford Meter Box presented Anderson with a plaque to commemorate Anderson purchasing the Indiana-based company's first 2-inch pit setter in 1996. Al Weber said in addition to making that first purchase, Anderson helped come up with the design Ford engineers used. Since that first purchase, Weber said, truckloads of pit setters leave the company every day.

Pit setters help protect water meters from freezing temperatures. Anderson said the design also ensures all connection points are lined up before being connected. — THERESE DONNELLY

From adversity a Queen is born ... *— Dino N. Fatouros*

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Top Ag official addresses uncertainty among farmers

BY STAN MADDUX

A top agriculture official is trying to think positively about the concerns farmers have about many issues ranging from tariffs on foreign imports to mass deportations brought on by the new White House administration.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb said one of his concerns is the trade war started recently by President Trump and its potential to lower demand from other countries for U.S. made products such as farm commodities.

He said the impact in Indiana from countries retaliating with tariffs of their own on U.S. made products could be measureable given the current struggling economy in agriculture and 25 percent of farm commodities in the state are exported.

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"We're already looking at a negative cash flow going into a year of planting, especially corn and soybeans and then anything like a tariff that's going to depress that market further. It's tough for a farmer to shoulder all of that himself," he said.

Lamb said he's keeping his fingers crossed the benefit to farmers from the type of fair trade the president is trying to create from the tariffs will exceed any losses producers might have to endure during what he hopes is not a long trade war.

"I'm kind of trusting somewhere along the line there will be something that might trickle back to the farmers," he said.

Lamb said the shortage of labor in agriculture is already tightening because of the threat migrants feel about being deported from the ongoing federal crackdown on immigration.

If existing rules allowing migrants to work legally in the U.S. are made stricter, "that could have a real negative effect," he said.

Lamb called the labor issue a "big, big deal" and one leaders in agriculture are going to have to take an even more vocal stance against.

"We got to have some sort of relief for this and we need that labor force," he said.

Another issue he addressed is the potential impact on agriculture from the new "Make America Healthy Again" movement of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the new U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Initially, Lamb said he wasn't excited about the appointment because of Kennedy's desire to curb the use of oil seeds in cooking as a way to reduce the consumption of saturated fats.

"That's kind of hard for a soybean farmer to take but the bottom line is he's the guy now and we might as well work with him," he said.

Lamb said his position now is for agriculture to play a role in developing healthier products like a soybean that contains less saturated fat.

"Let's capitalize on that. There's no reason not to grasp onto that as far as I can see," he said.

Lamb was the featured speaker March 20 during the annual chili supper hosted by La Porte County Farm Bureau in LaCrosse.

La Porte County Farm Bureau President Mark Parkman, who raises primarily grain and cattle, said it's not usual for uncertainty to be felt within the industry during a change in the administration at the federal level.

"Mr. Trump has been relatively favorable to Ag in the past, but you never know," he said.

Lamb is a second generation farmer raising corn, popcorn, seed soybeans and seed wheat in Boone County with help from his father, brother and nephews.

He was appointed as the ISDA director in March of 2023 by then governor Eric Holcomb then reappointed to the position recently by current governor Mike Braun.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.
— Marcus Tullius Cicero

Village Council approves short-term rental ordinance amendments

HEARS UPDATES ON BEACHES

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the Grand Beach Village Council approved Ordinance 2025-115, which amends the village's short-term rental ordinance, at their Wednesday, March 19, meeting.

Per the meeting handout, the ordinance will "amend Ordinance 2022-104, An Ordinance To Provide For the Registration and Regulation of Rental Properties for The Benefit of Health, Safety, And Welfare of The General Public, To Include Provisions to Clarify the Definition of a Dwelling, And to Define Maximum Bedroom Occupancy and Revocation Terms and Procedures.

The ordinance was approved subject to the village attorney's approval of the council members' edits, which include striking out a line in it, correcting section numbers and replacing Michigan Construction Code with Michigan Residential Building Code.

Parks and Beaches Commissioner Peter Doerr gave a presentation on another unfunded project in the village, the beaches.

He said that the beaches appear to be coming back "slowly but surely," although he's not sure they'll come back to what they once were based on what he acknowledged was the construction of necessary revetments.

He added that the government's sand restoration program that was created post the reconfiguration of New Buffalo's breakwater went away when government funding did in the 1990s.

Per the findings from the Beach Resiliency Committee Task Force, the best solution would be for the village to try to fund sand replenishment on its own.

Doerr said "it's not insignificant to get about 30 feet of beach up and down Grand Beach," which may be in the "$750,000 plus or minus range," adding that they already have a bid for $1 million.

Grant opportunities could bring in these funds. Establishing a Beach Millage of 1.0 would raise approximately $200,000 annually to be used only to pay for beach nourishment. An assessment of $500 per house per year would raise $235,000 on an annual basis.

Doerr said one of the committee's efforts was to secure a contractor to "study what would be best approach to going forward with beach sand renourishment."

Right now, the committee is working with Joe Farwell and his team to come up with funding ideas, with Doerr saying that they think the village can raise $50,000 through donations.

"It's critical to have that study so we can actually go back to the village and say, 'This is not just us and a group of people who want sand – it's how it has to be done,'" he said.

A long-term issue would be how to prevent what happened in the past from reoccurring, Doerr said.

One solution would be through wave attenuation, which would be break down the force of the waves and the winds that come onto the shoreline regardless of the water level to "inhibit sand erosion," he said, adding that this would be very expensive and would require government funding.

The Beach Resiliency Committee is working closely with the Great Lakes Coalition, where Ed Trainor serves as the village representative.

Doerr's presentation on beaches wraps up the village's presentation on unfunded projects, which include golf, police and road projects. Council president Harry Walder said the next step is to put out a survey to residents to decide how to move forward on the projects.

A resolution requesting MDOT to conduct a study of U.S. Highway 12 From Red Arrow Highway to the Indiana State Line to assess the need for a road diet and traffic light in response to increased non-motorized traffic and business activity was adopted. Walder said that Marcy Hamilition, deputy director/senior planner with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, is requesting they pass the resolution because she "believes she has an opportunity to help us get a traffic light" at the entrance to Grand Beach.

A resolution to apply for a community grant federal funding for a new police facility was adopted. Police commissioner Ed Brandes said that the grant application will be submitted by the end of the month and would bring federal funding through Rep. Tim Walberg's office.

Council members heard about a hiring of a new police officer, Brenden Stafford, who's headed for the police academy in May and, if everything goes well, will graduate in August.

Council members approved switching Columbus Day as a paid holiday for employees to Good Friday.

Council members approved completely reworking the sand traps on fairways 5&6 and topping off the remaining sand traps for a cost of $8,000.

A pay increase for police officer Creo Brewster, effective April 1, was approved.

Council members approved the appointing of Ed Trainor to be the village representative at the New Buffalo Township Board meetings.

Walder said the village has received a letter from the property owner of Lot 30 in Golfmore Estates. The village owns an undeveloped road to nowhere between Lots 29 and 30, with Walder saying that the two property owners who own two empty lots there are interested in each purchasing half of the property. Council members approved of the village attorney drafting up the necessary documents to do what is required to allow the village to sell the undeveloped property to the two property owners.

Diane Cody, a member of the Planning Commission and Master Plan Committee, gave a Master Plan Accountability Report. The Commission had been approved to handle the accountability of the goals of the Master Plan, with specific goals being given to a respective village commissioner that includes steps, a timeline and approximates costs.

An annual request from New Buffalo High School Athletic Department to use the golf course for the 2025 season for a $1,000 fee was approved.

The purchase of 16 chairs from Chivari for the pro shop for $793.96 was approved.

Brandes said that a Short-Term Rental Committee, which consists of Ross Kerr, Blake O'Halloran, Nancy Reinhart and Allison Duncan, has been formed to hopefully provide a "sounding board and release valve for some of pent up frustrations in the village on all things short terms rental" and will be meeting April 17.

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SCHOLASTICS

Grants being sought for 'Bison Preserve' project

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The search for grant funding for the Bison Preserve, a planned unit development (PUD) that would be located across from New Buffalo Elementary School, continues to push forward, members of the New Buffalo Area Schools Board of Education learned at their Monday, March 24, meeting.

Ed Gausselin from Bradford Growth Partners, one of the project's developers, said that Berrien County Community Development Director Dan Fette, who's in charge of this area's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, has reached out to Eric Helzer, with the Lansing, Michigan-based Advanced Redevelopment Solutions, who's a consultant specifically with respect to the Brownfield TIF Program.

He said Fette agreed to fund Helzer's retention for "the purpose of working with us on our Brownfield TIF application."

MSHDA also has a program where a loan will be provided that would be backed by a potential TIF Award, which the district would use directly for funding the project.

"We continue to push our site plan, our program, our preliminary budget is done – we're now just hunting for this funding to get this thing going," Gausselin said.

Dr. Michael Lindley, who serves as the project's consultant, said that a grant application has been put in to Sen. Gary Peters, with another due to Rep. Tim Walberg and that they're waiting to hear from Sen. Slotkin with regards to another grant.

He said that at this time, there hasn't been an "appropriation for the earmarked funds, or the community investment funds."

After recently speaking with some representatives, he said that it's believed there will be a supplementary budget, so they were "encouraged to go ahead and apply," although no money has been allocated at this time.

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A Planning Grant has been received through the Michigan Infrastructure Office, and they've been granted a "six-week window" through the office, which will allow them to work with at least two different companies in searching for grants.

Three different components of the project will be looked at: the construction aspects, the preservation and enhancement of the over 32 acres of the PUD and the 18 acres behind the elementary school and possibly the money that could potentially come through Buildings and Trades.

Lindley said that there's an optimism that something will be found with three groups looking at grants that could fit the project. If so, a second opportunity exists to apply for a grant, and they'll receive help to write it as well.

The TIF planning process could take six to 12 months.

Lindley added that they've been waiting to enter into some type of agreement with Chikaming Open Lands (COL), as they've been waiting to see what the construction area's final footprint.

With opportunities on the horizon regarding the property's preservation, he believes it'd be "prudent" to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or a small contract with COL to "allow them to access grants that they have access to, and we don't."

Lindley said the "best case scenario" would be breaking ground on the construction part of the project in spring of 2026.

"There's certainly lots to be done – it's taking a lot longer than we had hoped for and anticipated but I do think some momentum has picked up here in the last five or six weeks and hopefully that'll continue," he said.

Superintendent Adam Bowen said that a "ton of behind-the-scenes work" has been done, which has included multiple meetings.

"I think we've made some great progress here in the last two months or so," he said.

He added that the district might have to "shift gears" with regards to the next Building and Trades project, since construction on the PUD may not begin until next spring. The property would include sites for the students to construct single family homes on.

Bowen said he has a few ideas he'd like to explore further before bringing them to the board.

Board members approved the updated Course Descriptions for 2025-2026. Bowen said he's pleased that there'll be an Advanced Placement Calculus class, with Thomas Krieger being scheduled to get trained, and that it'll give the school a "full slate" of AP classes for all their core courses. More electives will also be offered.

Board members approved a Pokagon Grant Application by food service director, Susan Martinic, for the Summer Feeding Program. Bowen said that the district is planning for the summer day camp and summer school, and they were able to acquire funding from The Fund last year.

Board members heard of the resignation of bus driver Dennis Zavesky, due to retirement, effective March 31.

Board members agreed to cancel the May 26 meeting, which is Memorial Day.

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

College basketball's field of 64 has shrunk to the Sweet 16, and once again the tournament is capturing the nations attention.

The games are so exciting and as of Sunday afternoon, the underdog has emerged victorious in more than 20 five percent of the games.

People who filled out brackets (that seems like almost everyone) were crushed when 5th ranked Memphis lost to 12th ranked Colorado State in the first round, then couldn't believe it when 10th ranked Arkansas, led by coach John Calapari, pulled a major upset by beating 2nd ranked St. John's, led by rival coach Rick Pitino, 75-66 and 3rd ranked Wisconsin fell to 6th ranked BYU by a score of 91-89.

All four top ranked teams still remain as do three of the fourth 2nd ranked teams. If you were betting on the favorites, you'd be in pretty good shape, so far anyway.

Do any of you have a little sister? Remember when she was a pest, then became a friend, then became one of the people you admired most in the whole world.

I feel a little bit like that about the Women's NCAA Basketball tournament. Just a few short years ago, the players in the league were, in my opinion, no better than many boys high school teams, and even a few grade school teams.

There have been a few stand out players, but many were not very skilled.

Then, a few years ago, Caitlin Clark burst on the scene and much seemed to change. While the thugs and bullies still thrived, more young women began to excel and the popularity of the game exploded.

Eventually Clark graduated, and moved on to the WNBA where the bullies unsuccessfully tried to intimidate her, but by the end of the season, she had met and conquered their efforts.

While the game still needs to grow, it has certainly become respectable.

Staying with basketball, but moving on to the pros, the Bulls are on a nice run right now.

The team has been on a hot streak and have won seven of their last 10 games. They are playing an exciting brand of basketball, led by Coby White, Josh Giddey, and rookie Matas Buzelis.

The Bulls are running and scoring a lot of points, quite different from when a fast break was something they just didn't do. The surge of excellence somehow coincides with the trading of Zach Lavine, who was probably their best athlete.

Zach was acquired from Minnesota for Jimmy Butler and played well for the Bulls. Individually, he made two All-Star games, and was rewarded with a max contract, but it never translated into wins for the team.

I'm really down on the Bulls and Sox ownership, who appear to still be making money off of Michael Jordan, but hope they stumbled into something good for the Bulls, whose fans deserve a representative team.

Confucius said ,"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential…these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Man needs difficulties; they are necessary for health.
— Carl Jung

SPORTS

No shortage of postseason honors for Bison

BY STAN MADDUX

New Buffalo High School junior Lucas Forker was named the most valuable boys' basketball player in his team's division of the Berrien Cass St. Joseph Conference.

The 6'4" Forker along with juniors Sam Tripp, Trevor James and senior M'Nason Smothers also made the first team all-conference squad in their division.

The Bison (15-9) finished second place in their division of the conference.

They lost to Michigan Lutheran, the division winner of the conference, in the District 4 championship game.

Forker, who averaged 17 points per game, led the team in scoring.

Head Coach Nate Tripp said opposing defenses had trouble stopping Forker, who scored mostly close to the rim while guarded often by two players.

"He's a strong kid that knows what his ability is and he uses that ability very well," he said.

Forker was also named the team's most valuable player on offense while the MVP on defense went to Tripp, who led the squad in blocked shots and was third in rebounding.

Smothers was this year's winner of the Haisman Award, which goes to the player who leads by example on the court.

"He never complained about a bad call, never talked back and never showboated. He played with a lot of honor and a lot of respect and love for the game," Tripp said.

The 5'7" Smothers from his jumping ability was able to score down low against taller defenders and with speed drive in while moving the ball up the court for lay-ups.

Trevor James, a sharp shooting junior, was named the most improved player on the team.

After just limited action the previous year, he was second on the team in scoring this season averaging 11 points a game.

Helping to run the offense was junior Nick Haskins, who was awarded the "Team First Award" by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Haskins found a lot of open shooters with passes and wasn't shy about diving for loose balls on the court.

"Nick was very much a selfless player who sacrificed his own stats to make sure he was running our system and getting the ball where it needed to be," Tripp said.

Tripp has high hopes for next season with the return of his core of junior players, who have greatly improved from losing almost every game when forced to start as freshmen during a rebuilding year.

"It's a continued path of progress. I'm proud of them," he said.

The awards were given out during a team banquet attended by more than 50 people in the cafeteria of New Buffalo High School Sunday, March 23.

Bison hoping to defend District Title in baseball

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School varsity baseball team with the start of the season fast approaching is on a mission to repeat as District 4 champions.

Most of last year's impact players are back, including senior sluggers Ethan Lijewski and Vaughn Nikkel along with sophomore Jeffrey Tertel, who was last year's ace of the pitching staff.

Head Coach Adam Lijewski likes the odds of his team defending their district crown but doesn't expect things to be easy, feeling they may have taken some of their opponents last year by surprise.

"I think teams are going to be looking to come out after us," he said.

Lijewski said he believes the team has added more pitching depth to avoid having to rely on Tertel as much as last year for consistency on the mound.

The key to success for Tertel last year was his ability to throw strikes and having a solid defense for outs on balls put into play.

Lijewski said Tertel could have more strikeouts this year from being able to throw harder from physically becoming stronger.

"His velocity is up this year," he said.

Lijewski is also hoping to see improvement on the mound from Lijewski and Nikkel, who are the hardest throwers for the Bison but erratic last year at times with their control.

He also wants to see more production from the bottom of the batting line-up to reduce the number of scoreless innings.

Lijewski said another strength of the team is the ability of most players to effectively play different positions in the field and having solid core of hitters such as Lijewski, Nikkel and Nick Wolfe in the heart of the line-up.

Among the new players expected to make a nice contribution are junior Lucas Forker, who should receive a lot of playing time at first base, and senior outfielder Miles Casper.

Good things are also expected from Colton Lijewski, a strong armed freshman pitcher who also has speed on the base paths.

"We're excited. I think it's going to be a fun year," he said.

To Your Health

COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

EXPECT A HEALING CRISIS WHEN YOU START A NEW HEALTH JOURNEY

When you stop the damaging addicting foods like sugar, caffeine, white flour, soda pop, and so on, you will most likely feel worse before you feel better. You are going through withdrawal. You may experience Symptoms of cold like coming on, flu, dizziness, chills, nausea, fatigue and mucous discharges.

These are all normal and not dangerous. It is your road to health. I Have seen so many people quit because they didnot know how to get through it. When I am working with patients and guiding them along, they are aware of this coming. I have had many emails from people that have made a great health change and told me they had to stop because it was making them sick. Not realizing this is a normal part of the detox/healing.

During the first phase of the healing crisis, the accent is on elimination. Breaking down damaged tissue. The body begins to clean house – in short, to remove the garbage deposited in all the tissues. Wastes are discarded through the lymph system more rapidly and new tissue can now bemade from the new living food.

If anyone has ever smoked and quit - you go through the same thing. When you quit, you have major withdrawals, hacking up the tar and nicotine out of your lungs (What a blessing!) and just feel really run down. And CRAVING that toxin! But… if you stay with it, you will get through the worst of it. Many will tell you it is the best thing they haveever done. Same with eating processed foods. You are starting to see how those foods are degenerating your body. Weight gain, fatigue, sleep disorders, impotence, nausea, high blood pressure, and such. When you quit, it magnifies these symptoms temporarily. Get through it! It only takes 21 days for your cells to detox. At this time, you are able to cleanse and rebuild and become a new person. What is waiting for you on the other side of this is a brand-new life! Don't give up!

Drink a lot of water throughout the day. This flushes out these toxins that are stirring through your cells. Start your day with a hyper nourishing green smoothie. This will give you so much nourishment that will nearly diminish the healing crisis. Make sure you are exercising. Walk on lunch or breaks, do jumping jacks, or stretches. MOVE. DE-stress. Put down your phone, get away from negative influences.

Start a gratitude journal. Look at what is GOOD instead of only looking at what is BAD. Let go of grudges. This alone will help heal your body. Ther person that you are holding the grudge against is not affected, it is YOU it is eating up. Emotional cancers will destroy our whole body and will cause DIS-ease. Sometimes we just have to break the chains of the past and our bodies will heal.

YOU GOT THIS! Don't let a normal healing crisis stop you from one of the best things that you can do for your body.

Disclaimer: Nothing in these articles is meant to replace medical advice. If you are on medications, do not stop taking them. This is for educational purposes.

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Dunes Arts Summer Theatre announces 2025 schedule

Individual Tickets and Season Subscriber Tickets on Sale Now; Season Subscribers Invited to Exclusive April 10 Season Announcement Party at the Highly Anticipated New French Restaurant, The Heron Bistro

Dunes Arts Summer Theatre has announced its highly anticipated 74th summer season, including five productions, "She Loves Me," "Outside Mullingar" and, kicking things off on May 30, "Misery."

Artistic Director Steve Scott, who joined Dunes Summer Theatre in 2021 after producing more than 200 productions at Chicago's Goodman Theatre for more than three decades, is especially excited about this year's offerings to southwest Lake Michigan's performing arts community.

"Our theme this year is 'Opposites Attract,'" said Scott. "Our audiences will delight—and in some cases be terrified by—the results when very different people are forced together in highly emotional circumstances. It's the essence of theater, and I'm very excited to see the results."

In addition to attending all five theater performances, season subscribers are invited to complimentary special events throughout the season, including opening night champagne receptions with cast and crew and the Season Announcement Party. This special happy hour gathering will take place from 4-6 p.m. CST (5-7 p.m. EST) Thursday, April 10, at the highly anticipated, newly opened French restaurant, The Heron Bistro, located at 522 Franklin Street in Michigan City. This toast to the summer season will be hosted by Scott and the board of directors and feature appetizers and a cash bar.

The 2025 Dunes Summer Theatre schedule is as follows:

- "Misery" by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King. Directed by John Hancock. When famed romantic novelist Paul Sheldon is rescued from a car crash by his most adoring fan, the stage is set for a swiftly moving thriller, called by New City "an intense love story...dipped in poison." — May 30-June 15; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST), Sundays 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST)
- "Outside Mullingar" by John Patrick Shanley. Directed by Michael Lasswell. Set in rural Ireland, Shanley's clever comedy focuses on the unlikely romance between Anthony and Rosemary, longtime neighbors who slowly discover their reaction to each other–in a romantic battle of wits that is poetic, uplifting, sometimes dark, and funny as hell. — June 27-July 13; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST), Sundays 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST). NO PERFORMANCE ON JULY 4. Extra performance added on Thursday, July 3, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST)
- "She Loves Me," book by Joe Maseroff, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. Directed by Steve Scott, music direction by Katelyn Leonard-White. Based on the classic film "The Shop Around the Corner" (later remade as "You've Got Mail" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan), a Hungarian perfume shop becomes the site for mistaken identity and glorious romance in a musical dubbed "one of the dozen or so flawless book musicals in all of Broadway history."-Wall Street Journal — July 25-August 10, Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST), Sundays 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST).
- "The Fifth Annual Dunes Broadway Cabaret: Opposites Attract" Directed by Steve Scott, music direction by Katelyn Leonard-White. A tuneful exploration of love in all its unpredictable guises, featuring Dunes Theatre actors from the past and present. — August 15-17, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST), Sunday 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST)
- "Voices From the Heartland: The Third Annual New Plays Festival" Get a sneak peek of the dramatic classics of the future, penned by some of the outstanding writers from northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan. — September 17–20, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST), Sunday 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST).

Individual tickets ($35), senior/student tickets ($30), group sales ($25 for four or more) and season subscriptions ($150) can be purchased at www.dunesarts.org, or by calling 219-879-7509.

Nestled within the woodsy dunes of Michiana Shores, Dunes Summer Theatre, located at 288 Shady Oak Drive in Michigan City, has brought professional performances to Harbor Country for more than seven decades and is northwest Indiana's longest-running summer theater program. — STAFF REPORTS

BLOSSOMTIME PAGEANT TICKETS ON SALE

The Blossomtime Festival has announced that the 2025 Miss Blossomtime and Mr. Blossomtime Pageant/Showcase of Queens is back.

This year's theme, "Blossomtime. . .This Land is Our Land," has inspired two wonderful evenings of entertainment, music and glamour.

Hosting the evening festivities for the Blossomtime Festival will be Lainie Lu Von Behren, a former Miss Blossomtime and Phil McDonald, AD to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Schools for the two-day show.

The 2024 Mr. Blossomtime, Harry Kalin, will be crowning the 28th Mr. Blossomtime at the Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens Pageant at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 13. General admission tickets are $40. Limited Premier Seating tickets are available for both nights at $45 each. All community queens and community kings' representatives will compete in three different categories.

The 2024 Miss Blossomtime, Armani Collins, will be crowning the 92nd Miss Blossomtime at the Miss Blossomtime Pageant the following evening at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14. General admission tickets are $40. Limited Premier Seating tickets are available at $45 each and the program price for both evenings will be $10.

The Mr. Blossomtime Pageant/Showcase of Queens and Miss Blossomtime pageants are held at Lake Michigan College, Mendel Center Mainstage and is guaranteed to be two evenings with 21 community queens and 28 community kings vying for the titles of Miss and Mr. Blossomtime and their respective royalty courts.

Please call the Blossomtime office at 269-982-8016, or stop by at 2330 S. Cleveland Avenue in St. Joseph to purchase your tickets in advance by cash or check.

Ticket availability is limited and may not be available at the door. — STAFF REPORTS

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Charges in toddler hit by car in driveway

BY STAN MADDUX

Charges have been filed in connection with a two year old boy seriously injured when struck by a car in the driveway of his home in La Porte.

Eric Levine, 54, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with leaving the scene of an accident after operating while intoxicated, a Level 3 felony; operating while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury, a Level 5 felony, and driving with a suspended license, a Level 6 felony.

According to court documents, Levine went to the home at 517 Grove Street Saturday, March 22, to have his friend, who was the boy's stepfather, repair his Dodge Journey.

After the alternator in the car was replaced, the stepfather, Jonathan Jacobsen told police he was speaking to a neighbor when Levine started backing out of his driveway and struck the child, who was behind the vehicle, court documents revealed.

Jacobsen said he and his wife, Sarah, ran over to boy and were rendering aid to him when Levine left in his vehicle, according to court documents.

Police said the boy was taken to nearby Northwest Health and later airlifted to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

After locating Levine at his residence, police said the La Porte man denied being under the influence of any drugs even though he showed signs of impairment such as droopy eyelids, delayed reactions along with an above normal pulse rate.

Levine said he smoked marijuana earlier in the day and when he got home after striking the boy, according to police.

Levine was still being held Tuesday, March 25, in the La Porte County Jail on $25,000 bond.

He's scheduled for an initial court hearing in the case on Friday.

Food waste to gas plant going up in Kingsbury

BY STAN MADDUX

A $70 million plant converting primarily food waste into natural gas and nutrients for soil will be constructed in La Porte County.

The plan includes another $70 million investment on an expansion once the facility at Kingsbury Industrial Park is operating.

Ground has broken on the Kingsbury Bioenergy Complex, which is scheduled for completion late next year.

The plant will be owned and operated by Nexus W2V, a leading waste processing solutions firm based in Greenville, South Carolina.

"This is a decisive step toward a future where waste is transformed into a valuable resource," said CEO of the company, Roshan Vani.

The plant will be able to process up to 200 tons of organic material like expired ingredients at major food processing plants for use in converting it into natural gas.

According to company officials, the facility will produce enough natural gas to operate more than 47,000 homes while reducing the amount of waste going into landfills.

"Indiana continues to lead the nation in attracting forward thinking investments in energy and waste management solutions," said state Rep. Jim Pressel of Rolling Prairie.

Vani said a lot of the organic material will come from processors of edible products in the Chicagoland area whose food and ingredients never made it to the stores due to spoilage or expiring.

He said supermarket chains in the region will also be a supplier of packaged foods like cake mixes and cereal no longer available for sale.

In addition, Vani said the company working through brokers and directly with farmers, if necessary, will secure the rights to crops such as potatoes and pumpkins that never made it to market.

"We already have a network of great brokers that already are networked with haulers where we can figure out ways to come get large volumes of organic waste," he said.

Even food related fats, oils and greases along with expired soda pop are among the other materials that will be accepted into the plant.

Some of the projected 35 workers to be hired at the plant, initially, will remove food from packaged items for placement into a digester where all organic material will be mixed with water or some other liquid then heated.

The methane created from decomposition of the slurry will be captured and injected into existing NIPSCO natural gas pipelines for use by consumers.

"We have equipment that cleans that methane to get it to a pipeline quality gas," he said.

The remaining nutrient rich solids will be extracted from the digester and allowed to dry before processed into a bio-char product similar to potash.

He said the bio-char product will be available for sale to customers such as farmers, gardeners and landscapers for use to improve the health of their soils.

Vani doesn't expect any shortage of supply, citing figures that indicate more than 40 percent of food produced in the U.S. is discarded.

"We've really been thoughtful on our receiving base side on how we can slide into the market with the existing eco-system," he said.

Right now, Vani said the plan is to bring the food waste into the plant mostly on semi-trucks with freight trains an option still being explored.

An existing CSX rail line at the park can be used to move product but would require a rail extension from the plant.

He said the facility will also have an odor control system to eliminate any foul smells emitting from the plant.

Matt Reardon, who's in charge of economic development for La Porte County government, said the facility to be in the southeast corner of the industrial park has been several years in the making.

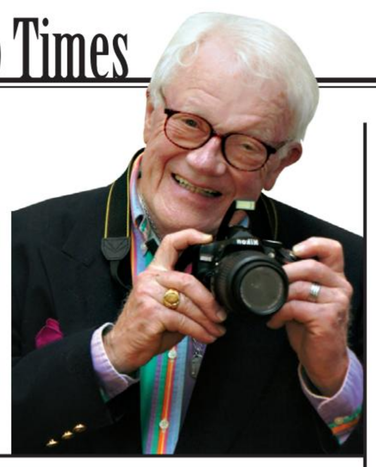
He said the project followed a process that included site selection, finding a buyer for the gas along with zoning approval.

"That's a big investment by all measures and we're certainly happy to have that," he said.

A Day in the Life

CATCHING UP TO NORMALCY

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER



My feelings of contentment sort of got screwed after falling 25 times in 25 days. I was feeling better until after my last dinner party.

Although I am now confined to a wheelchair, I am blessed for the care that I am receiving! Having a home care gal assist me three times a day does help to lift my spirits. I even had two dinner parties which helped contribute to my feelings of normalcy and contentment. They weren't big parties, but small and intimate. I did the preparation and had the advantage of very helpful guests. They helped me serve and clean up afterwards. I only have good friends and some were tested further.

The first dinner was for friends that are all my age. Believe it or not, eighty five year old's do socialize. Other than no wine served and a dinner prayer spoken, one would find nothing else different from a younger guest list. It was a great evening and I thank them for their nice contributions that they brought.

There is no mistaking that my house has a cripple inside it now. The perception changes when you have a ramp built. The ramp was installed for the ease of getting me out of the house in a wheelchair. It's rather impressive as ramps go because it's steel and aluminum and looks very contemporary. I attached a little sign that says for all guests to please use the front door. I prefer guests entering the front door and coming into the living room as opposed to the sometimes messy kitchen.

Now, and leading up to the second dinner:

I was speaking of being organized; I was proud of the fact that I was well on the way to setting a record for being organized early before the guests' arrival! While basking in that little triumph I was reminded by my designated caregiver that the guests would be arriving soon. I said "not for almost an hour" looking up at the clock. She corrected me and reminded me we were on daylight saving time. I had totally forgotten, of course and I had never changed the kitchen clock.

I quickly decided I would not shower and ran to the bedroom and threw on my favorite Ralph sweater with the red, white, and blue decorative patch. I brushed my hair, threw on some cologne, and the guests soon began to arrive. There stood Eileen and Rich, and Maurine and Vaughn; so much for my organization. Luckily I had put out the hors d'oeuvres earlier, thank the Lord, but the candles weren't yet lit, and the music was not cranked up like i usually do but we all settled in anyway. The extra large shrimp cocktail and deviled eggs were served and wine was poured for starters and it was okay with everyone even though I still had on my old, holey levis and dirty crocs.

We then went to the table and had french onion soup followed by a very large salad in my best Kosta salad bowl. I was advised that Eileen and Rich were dieting so the large salad was to meet their wishes. I hoped Maurine and Vaughn like salad, but this was no common salad!

There was another issue that I am still turning red about. Eilene doesn't eat shrimp but I put them in the salad anyway, thinking she would just toss them aside. She and Rich are both on a diet so I made a huge salad with ten things in it, and added the beautiful large shrimp last.

The meal progressed and the conversation was fun and stimulating and then we moved onto dessert with fresh strawberries with optional dream whip. We finished and the conversation was kept fun without anything political, thank heavens.

Rich and maurine loaded the dishwasher and packed up the leftovers leaving me nothing as was my request. It was at that time that I remembered that I never served roasted asparagus spears. You win some, you lose some. The next day I had some of the shrimp. They were extra large and beautiful but I made the startling observation that the shrimp had its shell on it. This never happened to me in all the years I have been buying shrimp. I could not believe it. I felt something crunchy, the dang shrimp had not been cleaned of their shells. I have bought $50,000 dollars of shrimp over the century and never did I ever get shrimp that was uncleaned. A real shock and embarrassment. I don't know what to say and I have not talked to any of the guests yet about it, nor did they point it out during the meal. I should call them but I am for one speechless and do not really know how to handle it. Call them and say what? "let sleeping dogs lie" is perhaps the best option? I can't help but think I should apologize.

Use of belt on child leads to charges

BY STAN MADDUX

A jury might have to decide whether a man went too far in striking his granddaughter with a belt as a form of discipline.

Marc Lewis, 58, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with Level 5 felony and Level 6 felony domestic battery.

According to court documents, Lewis at the request of his daughter on Christmas drove from his home in Michigan City to her residence outside La Porte.

The woman requested her father's presence in response to her 9 year old daughter refusing to clean her bedroom, police said.

According to court documents, Lewis after the girl argued with him went up to his granddaughter's bedroom and began striking her with a belt.

The girl was left with red marks and bruises on her legs, thighs and back.

Court documents show the Indiana Department of Child Services became involved after the girl told her father, who submitted pictures of her injuries to the La Porte County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said Lewis did not speak directly with investigators, but through his attorney defended his actions, saying the girl has been violent in the past and lesser forms of discipline in the past failed to correct her behavior.

Lewis, who was arrested on March 16, posted $15,000 cash bond the next day.

He could face anywhere from one to six year sentence on the most serious count.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for April 4 for Lewis to update the court on his efforts to obtain private legal counsel.

Drone used in prison drug smuggling attempt

BY STAN MADDUX

A man is accused of using a drone to try and smuggle a large quantity of drugs into Westville Correctional Facility.

Eric Patino, 29, is charged in La Porte Superior Court 2 with seven counts, including Level 2 felony dealing in methamphetamine and Level 5 felony attempted trafficking with an inmate.

According to court documents, Warden Jason Smiley about 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 21, was notified by a security company monitoring the air space about a drone flying around the prison.

In response, Smiley joined by a La Porte County Police officer were walking a tree line just outside the prison when a man later identified as Patino emerged from the brush and started running through an open field, authorities said.

He refused orders to stop but the officer kept his flashlight on the man to follow his movements as he made his way toward U.S. 421.

According to court documents, the warden and officer soon heard a buzzing sound and discovered a drone flying back to where it was launched.

Other officers radioed for assistance began setting up at a nearby building to intercept the fleeing suspect, who was soon captured.

Authorities walking toward where the suspect ran from discovered the drone, a remote control for the drone and other items, including a cell phone Patino was also allegedly trying to get into the hands of an offender.

More than 200 grams of methamphetamine along with about 14 grams of fentanyl, five grams and cocaine and over 850 grams of marijuana were also recovered, court documents revealed.

Close to 800 grams of tobacco, more than 120 suboxone strips were also found.

Patino of Hammond was still being held Monday, March 24, in the La Porte County Jail on $50,000 bond.

He's also charged with Level 2 felony dealing in a narcotic drug, Level 3 felony dealing in cocaine, Level 5 felony dealing in marijuana and one additional count of Level 5 felony attempted trafficking with an inmate.

La Porte County Prosecutor Sean Fagan said he couldn't discuss more specifics of the case since the allegations remain undecided but, typically, a lot of planning is involved in any kind of prison smuggling attempt.

To his knowledge, Fagan said it's the first such case involving the use of a drone presented to his office since he was elected over two years ago.

"Generally speaking, people are always trying to find some way to get contraband in. It's quite intriguing and fascinating while also a little bit disconcerting," he said.

La Porte County also has Indiana State Prison in Michigan City.

Patino could face anywhere from a 10 to 30 year sentence on each of the two most serious offenses.

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A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

I'm in...

Andy cuts a swath through the cavernous first floor, pausing to look at a couple of nervous artists' work. He says hello to Kevin O'Donnell, who he introduces as DIC's Production Manager. In his late 20's or early 30's, Kevin has a surfer's bleached blonde hair, a square jaw and a dazzling smile. He could be a model or an actor, better looking than any guy has a right to be.

Kevin's very friendly, giving me a smile and a firm but genuine handshake. Something tells me Andy's mentioned me to him. A busy man, Kevin hurries off.

We near a dim, far corner on the first floor and a curly brown-haired young man looks up from his desk and stiffens. As if receiving a telepathic order, he stands from his cluttered desk. Andy's not smiling anymore. He says, "Jack, I want you to meet Sandy Fries. Sandy's the story editor for Care Bears." I nod and shake his hand, saying, "Congratulations."

Sandy manages a smile. He seems like a nice guy, but I can tell something's not quite right. We make small talk for a few minutes, then Andy and I move on.

As we get to the second floor, I'm trying to figure out what meeting Sandy was all about. Andy takes me into attorney Jeff Wernick's office. He tells Jeff to give me the payroll forms. I look to Andy, now knowing exactly what he's going to say. Then he turns to me and says it. "You're going to be the assistant story editor for Care Bears."

In a heartbeat, I'm in.

I feel I've arrived, about to go on staff at DIC as an assistant story editor. Unfortunately, I have no idea what an assistant story editor does. For that matter, I have no idea what a plain old story editor does.

I am both happy and concerned to learn my weekly staff position salary will be $1,500 when I am "working on a series" and $1,250 week when I'm "not working on a series."

Since I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm working on a series, I don't want to even thinkabout what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm notworking on a series! Sheesh!

This is the most money I'd make per-week as a salaried employee -- double what I earned in my father's clothing business. It comes out to $78,000 a year. Serious jingle. Jean and Andy are going to be writing me hefty weekly checks so I figure I better find out what I'msupposed to be doing and find out fast. I decide to risk asking Lori to fill me in.

By now I get the feeling Lori has me under her protective wing. I realize she is doing this, at least partly, because it will eventually somehow benefit her, though I don't know exactly how it will benefit her. But I also thinkshe's got me under her wing because she likes me and feels we may end up being friends.

So after I fill out my paperwork, I head back to her office, newly crowned as an assistant story editor...whatever that is.

Jack Olesker's career in the entertainment industry spans over four decades. He has served as a story editor in L.A. as well as president of a motion picture and television company in Chennai, India. His writing ranges from Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Care Bears and Hello Kitty's Furry Tale Theater to documentaries and horror novels and murder mysteries for adults.

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AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

The energy coming your way this week will give you an air of mystery and it will be easy for people to misinterpret your actions. Don't get discouraged by their inability to understand your motivations. Stay true to your ideals and sense of purpose. Revitalize your life's driving principles and hit the gas.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

This is the time to let go of fears and past hurts. The vibe now is all about rekindling and reconnecting with people and places you have truly resonated with. Let the cosmos reestablish those connections that have creative and healing potentials and use discernment to weed out inauthentic people.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

It is important to let people be themselves and honor their interpretations, this week. Use points of contention or differences as topics that require your private revision and meditate on the fact that it may be time to reinterpret your perspective; embrace a more humanitarian perspective.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

There may be some fluctuations in career objectives but the energy now is all about regrouping the intentions that propel you forward and reimagining the outcomes of what you do, which in turn realigns the contentment that comes from following your heart. Be true to self but also honor the higher path.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

The energy coming your way this week will direct your attention to the heart of your intentions. You will have penetrating insight into what your inner calling and purpose is all about. Understand that who you truly are is experienced on an inner level now. It's not meant for social media or mass consumption.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

This is the time to renew commitments and reestablish associations that may have lost their sparkle over time. Allow the cosmos to radiate new energy into the relationships that may have become stagnant or inactive but have remained true and steady over the years; very good time to renew vows.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

It is important to invest in yourself more this week. Make time for self-improvement. Whether it is getting a massage, seeing a therapist or scheduling a dentist appointment, do something you have been neglecting or putting off. This is the time to do something important for your health.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Your emotional attachments or feelings will undergo some changes this week and what was once considered a lost cause will be reanimated now. This is time to reevaluate your feelings and look at old patterns from a healthier perspective. Perhaps some sort of reinstatement is needed.

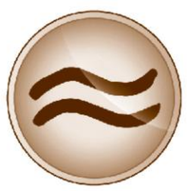
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

The energy coming your way this week will breathe new life into your home and family. Old family traditions and celebrations will be rediscovered and reinvented. It's time to reclaim and modernize things from the past. Reach out to family. Gather with new recipes to celebrate in traditional ways.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

This is the time to dig deeper into your family history or the place you currently live. Investigate historical happenings or travels of your relatives and reawaken their stories. Use what you find to realign your own sense of belonging and restore your uniqueness by identifying with ancestral truths.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



It is important to use your ability to see both side of an emotional situation before interjecting or getting involved. Issues from the past will need to be revisited because a new perspective or new understanding is available now that wasn't before. It's time to reassess the facts.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

There is a need to hold yourself to a higher standard now because of the things you accomplished. Success and knowledge certainly boost the ego but it also adds to the obligations that you have to those around you. With great power comes greater ethical responsibilities.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Pat
4 Tablespoon (abbr.)
8 Ironwood
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13 Lower intestine
14 Caviar fish
15 British thermal unit (abbr.)
16 Skew (2 words)
18 Saga
20 Kernel (pref.)
21 Annoy
23 Atomic physicists
25 Another (Sp.)
26 Spotted cavy
27 Compass direction
30 Women's Army Corps (abbr.)
31 Serious
32 Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
33 Ultimate degree
34 N.Z. bird
35 Buddhist female deity
36 Tough
37 Cordage fiber
38 Norwegian king
40 Loudness measure
41 Yon (2 words)
44 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
47 Jump
48 Project
49 Mountain on Crete
50 Bond movie (2 words)
51 Dear (Fr.)
52 Eye-infesting worm

DOWN

1 Flap
2 Astern
3 Gr. author
4 Dominion
5 Unhappy
6 Brythonic sea god
7 Saint (Sp.)
8 Brazilian nutritious drink
9 Hand (pref.)
10 Female
11 Gelderland city
17 Mogul emperor
19 Jap. volcanic crater
21 Village
22 State (Fr.)
23 Fanatical
24 Scientific name (suf.)
26 Rain
27 Whelk (2 words)
28 Cold Adriatic wind
29 Wale
31 Bar
35 Uncle (Sp.)
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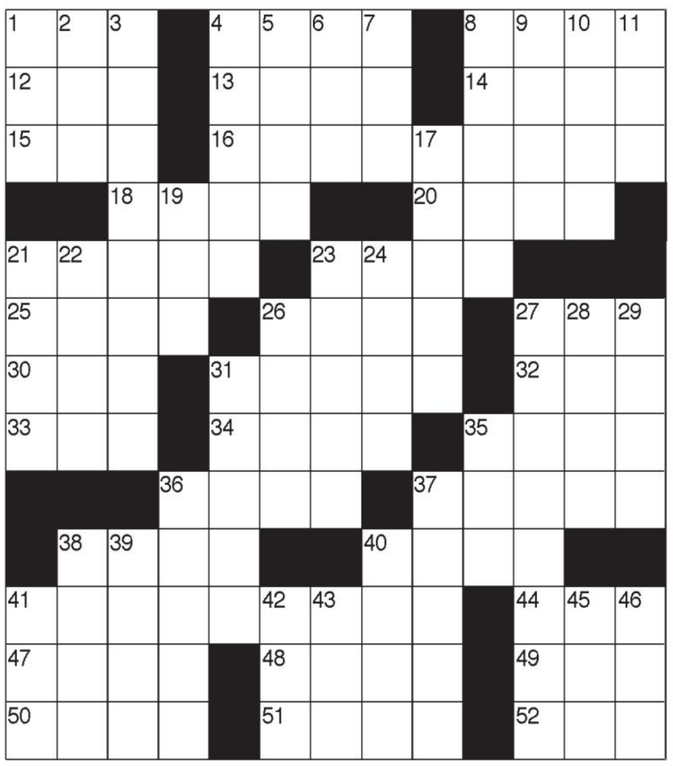

Hikers to explore Dune Ridge Trail at Dunes National Park

The Dunes National Park's Dune Ridge Trail will be the subject of a hike at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

The trail offers great views of the park's extensive wetlands, early spring forests and distant moraines.

Pat Fisher, president of Harbor Country Hikers and the hike's leader, will give a brief talk about the biological diversity of Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. The group may see migrating animals on their way north for the summer. After the hike, Fisher will lead a caravan through other parts of the Great Marsh.

Although membership is preferred, all are welcome to attend this event, which starts at the Kemil Beach parking lot. Hikers are advised to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring plenty of water.

For more details, including driving directions, visit the group's website,www. harborcountryhikers.com, or its Facebook page. — STAFF REPORTS

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NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS IS ACCEPTING STUDENTS FOR THE BISON BEGINNERS PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

It is helpful to know how many students we will have as we begin planning for the 2025-2026 school year. If you believe your child will qualify for either the Bison Beginners Pre-Kindergarten program or for Kindergarten, please contact the office at 269-469-6060 so we can make sure your student is on our enrollment list. You can also email the elementary school's administrative assistant Jenna Wendel at jwendel@nbas.org. Please contact the office by Monday, April 7, 2025. You will need to include the following information: child's name, birth date, parent/guardian name, address, phone number and email address.

BISON BEGINNERS
Parents/guardians that have children who will be four years old by September 1, 2025 are able to register their child for the Bison Beginners Pre-kindergarten program. The program offers both half-day (a.m. only) or full-day sessions. Enrollment is limited to 25 students.

KINDERGARTEN
Parents/guardians with students that will be five years old by September 1, 2025 are able to register their child for the full-day kindergarten program.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE AND TUITION
If you do not reside in the New Buffalo Area Schools district but do live in Michigan, you are welcome to apply for the School of Choice program. Tuition is also an available enrollment option for students living out-of-state. Information and applications for both programs are on our district's website: https://www.nbas.org/o/nbas/page/school-of-choice-and-tuition-students.

HEARING/VISION/DENTAL SCREENING
Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students planning to attend New Buffalo Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year will be able to have their hearing, vision and dental screening performed by the Berrien County Health Department on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 pm at New Buffalo Elementary. Appointments are required - please call or email the school office to schedule. This screening is required by the state of Michigan for kindergarten and highly encouraged by our district for pre-kindergarten. Please bring your student's birth certificate (original or a copy), student's immunization record and parent/guardian picture ID.

If you will not be attending the health screening on April 29, please contact the Berrien County Health Department at 269-926-7121, extension 5293 to schedule an appointment or visit their website for more information: www.berriencounty.org/634/hearing-vision-screening.

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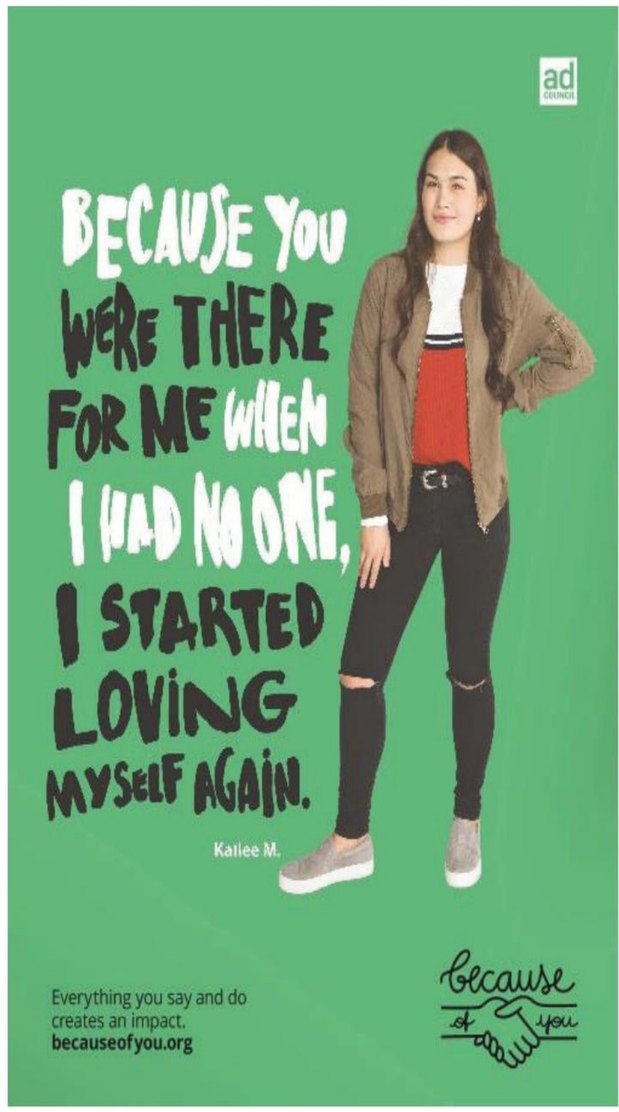
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Marvel Comics artist reveals tools of the trade at library

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

According to Jerry DeCaire, Marvel-Comics artist for Deadpool, Wolverine, Thor and other world-famous superheroes, one only needs to know how to draw two basic shapes to be a successful artist.

"If you can draw cubes and cylinders, you can draw anything you can imagine," he said to a crowd of comic lovers who had gathered at New Buffalo Township Library Saturday, March 22.

Another tool in the comic book drawing toolbox is the ability to ask oneself if drawings need adjustment based on the three P's: proposition, perspective and position.

Artists who aren't happy with their drawings should take another look at it by reviewing each of those aspects.

"Go down the checklist - is my perspective right? Are my proportions right? Are my positionings correct?" DeCaire said.

DeCaire said that keeping these questions in mind proves something that many may not believe to be true: in some instances, math and art are connected.

For 18 years, he said he's presented to students at a middle school in St. Louis, Missouri, on the connections between those two seemingly different subject matters.

"Much of what I need to know is the same stuff the young people in this room are learning today in math and science," he said.

To prove this, DeCaire did his own signature, live drawing performance.

DeCaire said he does pencil work for Marvel, which he described as being realistic.

One day, he said he got a call from Mike Rockritz, who used to work at Marvel Comics, saying that he was "in a pickle:" One of his artists walked out on him in the middle of a Nick Ferry book.

A new story must be put out every month on the newsstands, DeCaire said.

"Every comic book always has a cliffhanger - you let that go out too long, people are going to lose interest," he said.

Now, Rockritz was asking DeCaire to draw "in one week what usually takes a month to do."

"So, I put on my Captain America suit and worked away in the wee hours of the night," he said, adding that his previous experience doing 24-hour posts in the Army helped him out a little bit.

A week later, Nick Ferry was released on the shelves. In exchange for his work, De Caire was handed another task: to do the 50-page Mighty Thor annual.

Another challenge that DeCaire has had to conquer as a comic book artist has been drawing in front of people, which he said, "used to be a problem." Sometimes, he "fell apart in front of people."

"How I drew depended on resources, references, how I felt, did I eat my oatmeal that morning - and I found that didn't work out very well...I had to be able to draw anything I could imagine, and I also had to be fast," he said.

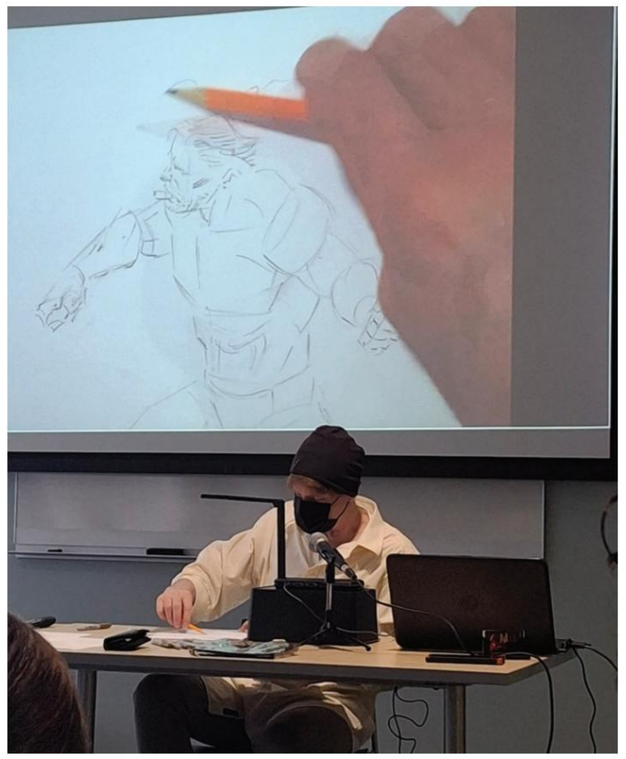
This year, DeCaire will be traveling to Atlanta to present in front of 80,000 cosplay fans at DRAGON CON.

DeCaire described his work for Marvel as "for hire."

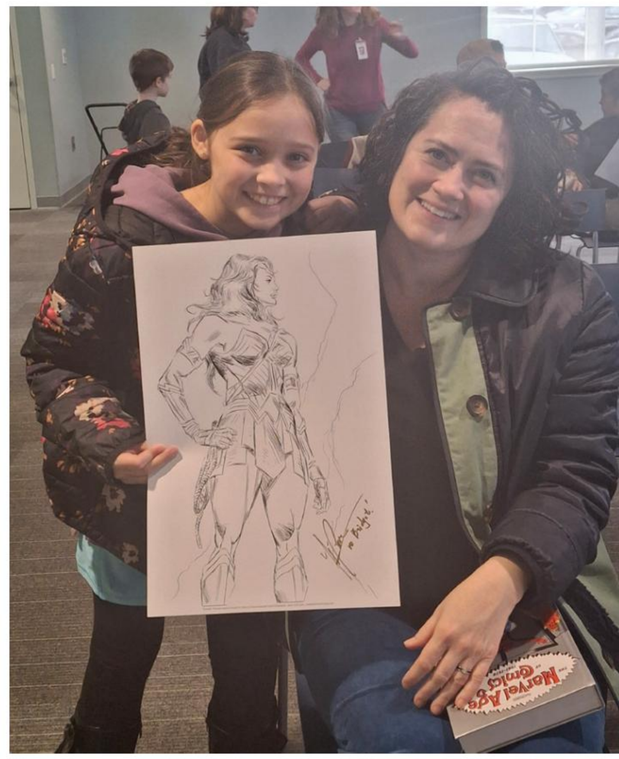
With regards to how much he knows about a story before drawing the comic, DeCaire said that a script will be sent to him that details the page and the panel with descriptions.

"They do have what they call a Marvel Method, where the writer works with the artist and allows artists to do lot a lot of interpretation because it makes things go a lot faster and a lot better," he said.

In addition to him divulging the secrets of drawing comic books, DeCaire gave away free, signed and dated demo drawings to the audience.



Marvel Comic Artist Jerry DeCaire does a live drawing demonstration at the library



Shirley and Bridget Heywood display a signed demo from Jerry DeCaire

Marvel Comic Artists Jerry DeCaire distributes signed demos of his work

Marvel Comics Artist Jerry DeCaire signs his work for comic book lovers

I-94 crash involving two semi-trucks results in one death

One driver is dead after an injury crash involving two semi-trucks on I-94 in New Buffalo Township Monday, March 24.

According to a Berrien County Sheriff's Office press release, at 4:28 p.m. March 24, first responders were dispatched to an unknown injury traffic crash.

"Upon arrival, they found that an eastbound semi-truck and trailer had crossed the cable barriers and struck a westbound semi-truck and trailer in the driver's side front of the trailer," the release stated.

Per the release, the impact "was so great" that the driver of the eastbound truck, who was identified as 45-year-old Jeffrey Oneal of Livonia, Michigan, was ejected along with the driver's seat.

"The driver was found on the roadway next to the damaged truck unresponsive suffering from major trauma to the head and lower extremities," the release said.

Despite extensive life saving measures that were performed, the driver died at the scene because of his injuries.

The driver of the westbound truck, Pawel Dobrowolski of Lake Zurich, Illinois, suffered no injuries.

The crash shut down two westbound lanes of I-94 for several hours, while clean-up crews removed the crashed trucks.

According to an eastbound driver that witnessed the crash, as she was passing the truck driven by Oneal, she noticed the driver was experiencing some type of distress and having trouble maintaining his lane.

As she slowed down to get behind the truck it abruptly turned left and crossed all three lanes of eastbound traffic and crossed the median through the cable barriers, narrowly missing a westbound car and striking the westbound semi-truck.

The crash remains under investigation pending an autopsy at the Western Michigan School of Medicine to determine any potential medical issues that led to this horrific crash.

Agencies involved were Berrien County Sheriff's Office, New Buffalo Township Patrol, Berrien County Sheriff's Traffic Crash Unit, New Buffalo Township Fire, Medic 1 Ambulance, MSP Commercial Vehicle Unit, Pokagon Tribal Police and WMED Medical Examiner. — STAFF REPORTS

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April 15, Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Lake Michigan College, 2755 E. Napier Ave.,
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ACCEPTED ITEMS AT THIS EVENT:

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics (some fees apply)
- Foam/Polystyrene
- On-Site & Off-Site Document Shredding
  **On-Site shredding limited to truck capacity*
- Used Bicycles

May 10, Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycle Center,
3200 Chamberlain Rd., Buchanan

ACCEPTED ITEMS AT THIS EVENT:

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics (some fees apply)
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- Personal Documents for Free, On-site Shredding

June 3, Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Chikaming Township Hall
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Sept. 13, Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Silver Beach County Park, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph

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October 4, Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Ice chests, foam cups, clean foam "to-go" food containers, egg cartons, foam block packaging, pink & blue Styrofoam. Must be clean and dry.

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